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GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
2008-2009

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M.

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## What is the Governor's Youth Commission?

### **PURPOSE**

The Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) advises the Governor and the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families on issues affecting youth in Arizona.

### **MISSION**

The mission of the Governor's Youth Commission is to promote healthier communities through youth volunteerism and service learning, increased awareness of community issues, and civic participation.

### **MEMBERS & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

The Governor's Youth Commission is a diverse and representative body of Arizona's high school population, and is composed of 35 members from throughout the state. Each year, members work together on a special project that impacts youth across Arizona. For example, in 2006 GYC members planned and executed two Governor's Underage Drinking Summits, which mobilized two hundred youth to plan and complete volunteer projects in their communities.

## What are some of the GYC's accomplishments?

This year, Governor's Youth Commissioners have:

- Administered a \$40,000 Alcohol Retailer Mapping in Proximity to Youth Mini-Grant.
- Facilitated workshops at the 2nd Statewide Substance Abuse Conference in Phoenix, the 18th Annual National Youth Service Learning Conference in New Mexico, and the 9th Annual National Leadership Conference in Orlando.
- Planned and hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Leadership Day, an event which allowed over 230 members of 30 different youth organizations to gather at the Phoenix Convention Center and learn about the public policy making process. Through planned workshops and speakers, Youth Leadership Day aimed to encourage participants to identify a cause they are passionate about and provide them the necessary tools to lead their communities. Be it substance abuse prevention, promoting service work, or developing social competency skills, our goal was to motivate Arizona's future leaders to recognize their inherent skills and assist them in positively contributing to the development of a stronger, safer and more prosperous state.
- Conducted six focus groups which invited parents from across Arizona to discuss issues related to youth and alcohol. The data collected was used in the Underage Drinking in Arizona Data Findings 2007 Report, and helped develop a statewide media campaign.
- Learned about the public policy making process and Arizona policies towards alcohol from guest speakers of Arizona State University's Morrison Institute, the Governor's Division of Substance Abuse Policy, Pima Prevention Partnership, and Students Against Destructive Decisions.
- Hosted two Governor's Underage Drinking Summits.
  - Provided educational and leadership activities to 230 middle school and high school students.
  - Engaged 1,800 middle school and high school aged children in underage drinking prevention education.
  - Data collected at the summits has been professionally analyzed and included in a statewide substance abuse report.
- Presented data collected from the Governor's Underage Drinking Summits at the Statewide Substance Abuse Coalition Forum.
- Participated in the Governor's 13th Annual National and Community Service Conference.

## Eligibility

The Governor's Youth Commission is currently accepting applications from high school students who will be sophomores or juniors during the 2008-2009 school year. Please note the GYC is seeking applicants that represent the diverse and unique nature of Arizona's counties.

## Commissioner Requirements

Being a commissioner requires a high degree of commitment. Before applying, please make sure that you have the time to dedicate to the organization.

Commissioners are expected to:

- Attend four meetings a year. Held in various locations throughout the year.
- Contribute to the planning and execution of the GYC's special events and activities.
- Actively participate in committees and in conference calls.
- Communicate via e-mail, phone, or the GYC's website (members are expected to check their e-mail on a weekly basis).
- Provide their own transportation to and from meetings (carpools are provided by Governor's Office staff from the State Capitol to the meeting location and back).
- Serve as a role model and adhere to a high code of conduct.
- Serve as a liaison to other youth.

In addition to the above requirements, each Commissioner must also have an adult mentor or advisor who he/she can turn to for help and support when completing projects. Mentors or advisors can include a teacher, counselor, youth group leader, or parent. During the coming year, there may be an opportunity for the Commissioner and mentor to attend an event together.

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## Application Process

The GYC recruitment process consists of an application and interview. All youth who are eligible to apply must follow the application instructions below. Finalists will be invited to interview on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Decisions will be made during the week of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application consists of:

- Membership Application: Personal Information (Page 5).
- Completed Questionnaire (Page 6).
- Resume detailing current and past community and school involvement (please limit to one page).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter **MUST** be from a teacher, faculty member or youth group leader. The second letter **MUST** be from your mentor.

Applications should not be in a binder, report cover or folder. Please use a staple or paper clip to hold your application together.

Complete applications can be mailed, faxed or delivered in person to:

Christopher Bodington  
Youth Development Program Administrator  
Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families  
State Capitol, Executive Tower  
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 101  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Fax: (602) 542-3423 (*please call to confirm we have received your complete application*)

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Please contact Christopher Bodington at (602) 542-3422, or by e-mail at [cbodington@az.gov](mailto:cbodington@az.gov) if you require any additional information.



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**Membership Application: Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What grade will you be in during the 2008-2009 school year?: \_\_\_\_\_

School's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Advisor/Mentor Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

How is this person related/associated with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questionnaire**

**Part I**

The Governor's Youth Commission's (GYC) first meeting and orientation will be held on July 22-25, 2008 in Flagstaff, AZ in conjunction with the Governor's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National and Community Service Conference. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.** Please confirm that you will be able to attend the meeting and conference. If you cannot attend, please state the reason(s) why. (Note: school excuses, mileage reimbursement, hotel rooms, meals, and carpools from the State Capitol and back are provided for all meetings as needed.)

**Part II**

Please respond to the following questions. Limit each response to no more than 200 words. Your answers must be typed, double-spaced and in 12 point font. Please DO NOT include any additional information (newspaper articles, photographs, etc.).

1. What interests you about becoming a member of the GYC?
2. How can you contribute to the GYC and its activities? What leadership experiences have you had that will help you contribute?
3. How will your mentor be able to support you as a Commissioner?

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